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6. NATIONAL MINORITIES

AS AN ASPECT OF THE FOCUS ON UNITY, PRC MEDIA IS GIVING WIDER COVERAGE TO MINORITY NATIONALITIES AND THEIR PROGRESS UNDER PEKING'S RULE (INNER MONGOLIA OCTOBER 6). NATIONAL DAY STORIES AND CELEBRATION OF VARIOUS DISTRICT ANNIVERSARIES IN SINKIANG (OCTOBER 3) HAVE ALL BEEN MARKED BY STRESS ON THE COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE MINORITIES AND THE HAN. THE POLICY OF ENCOURAGING MINORITY NATIONALITY POPULATION GROWTH WAS ALSO EXPOUNDED BY PRC REPS AT THE WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE (WR 35).

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7. SINKIANG FURTHER EMPHASIZED REGIME ATTENTION TO THE NATIONALITIES IN ANNOUNCING POPULARIZATION OF A NEW UIGHUR AND KAZAKH SCRIPT BASED ON THE CHINESE PINYIN ALPHABET. REGIONAL DOCUMENTS AND PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL TEXTS ARE NOW PRINTED IN THE NEW SCRIPT AND, AS OF OCTOBER 1, THE SINKIANG DAILY IS USING THE NEW SCRIPT EVERY DAY (SINKIANG SEPTEMBER 30). PEKING'S DESIRE TO SEPARATE UIGHUR AND KAZAKH MINORITIES FROM THEIR SOVIET KINSMEN, WHO USE THE OLD CYRILLIC-BASED SCRIPT, PROBABLY OUTWEIGHS ANY REGIME CONCERN ABOUT LAUDING NATIONAL IDENTITIES.

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8. BIRTH CONTROL

A LATE AUGUST REPORT FROM RURAL HEILUNGKIANG REFERRED TO A MEDICAL TEAM BEING SENT BY THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT TO CARRY OUT STERILIZATION OPERATIONS ON ALL MOTHERS WITH TWO OR THREE CHILDREN. THE REPORT NOTED CRYPTICALLY: "DUE TO CERTAIN

REASONS, NOT EVERYONE WENT FOR THE OPERATION." A REPORT FROM RURAL KWANGTUNG IN MID-AUGUST STATED THAT A PEASANT'S WIFE HAD ACCEPTED THE IDEA OF HAVING AN ABORTION AND HAD TERMINATED HER THIRD PREGNANCY RATHER THAN FACE THE PROSPECT OF NO FOOD RATIONS FOR THE CHILD. THESE REPORTS INDICATE THE PRC'S CONTINUING CONCERN ABOUT BIRTH CONTROL IN THE COUNTRYSIDE (FOR A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF PRC BIRTH CONTROL POLICY SEE HONG KONG'S A-249).

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9. NATIONAL DAY MESSAGES AND CELEBRATIONS

USSR. THE MASSIVE LIST OF CONGRATULATORY 25TH ANNIVERSARY MESSAGES REPORTED BY NCNA DID NOT CARRY ANY MESSAGE FROM THE SOVIER LEADERS,

ALTHOUGH PEKING DOMESTIC RADIO AT THE END OF AN OCTOBER 3 NEWS-CAST MENTIONED THAT MESSAGES FROM THE SOVIET PRESIDUM AND COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HAD BEEN RECEIVED. PRC SNUBBING OF THE SOVIETS WENT FURTHER: SOVIET DIPLOMATS MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN INVITED TO SOME CELEBRATIONS HOSTED BY THE CHINESE AMBASSADORS (MEXICO 8377) AND REPORTEDLY SOVIET AMBASSADORS KNEW IN ADVANCE THE POINT AT WHICH THE PRC TOASTS WOULD NECESSITATE THEIR WALKING OUT BUJUMBURA 0628). FOR MOSCOW'S PART, BREZHNEV PERSONALLY ATTACKED THE PRC FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE JUNE 14 IN HIS EAST BERLIN SPEECH OCTOBER 6 (MOSCOW 15135).

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10. U.S. SO FAR AS WE ARE AWARE, NO AMERICAN OFFICIALS OTHER THAN THOSE IN PEKING, NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON, WERE INVITED TO PRC NATIONAL DAY RECEPTIONS. NCNA REPORTED THE PRESENCE OF SECRETARY KISSINGER AT THE RECEPTION HOSTED BY CHIAO KUAN-HUA IN NEW YORK AND THAT SECRETARY BUTZ HEADED THE OFFICIAL AMERICAN

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CONTINGENT AT THE PRCLO'S RECEPTION. THE ONLY CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES FROM AMERICANS LISTED BY NCNA WERE FROM THE OCTOBER LEAGUE AND THE REVOLUTIONARY UNION (NCNA OCTOBER 7). NCNA ALSO GAVE COVERAGE TO ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS IN VARIOUS U.S. CITIES UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE U.S.-CHINA PEOPLE'S FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION OR BY THE CHINESE RESIDENTS.

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11. TAIWAN COMPATRIOTS. CONSIDERABLY LESS ATTENTION WAS GIVEN TO TAIWAN COMPATRIOTS THIS YEAR. BESIDES INCLUDING THEM IN A RECEPTION ALONG WITH OVERSEAS CHINESE (WR 40), THEY WERE ALSO LUMPED WITH OVERSEAS CHINESE IN A MEETING WITH TENG HSIAO-PING. THE ONLY OTHER NCNA MENTION WAS ON THEIR RECEPTION BY TAIWANESE RESIDENTS IN PEKING (NCNA OCTOBER 2).

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12. UNITED NATIONS

CHIAO KUAN-HUA'S OCTOBER 2 ADDRESS TO THE UNGA WAS DEVOTED PRIMARILY TO THE CURRENT PRC PROPAGANDA LINES OF SUPERPOWER CONTENTION AND THIRD WORLD RESISTANCE TO SUPERPOWER ATTEMPTS TO GAIN WORLD HEGEMONY. HE OFFERED NOTHING NEW, PROVIDED NO CONCRETE SOLUTIONS FOR ANY OF THE WORLD'S PROBLEMS, AND SUGGESTED SELF-RELIANCE AND UNITY FOR THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES (HONG KONG 11047). INTERESTINGLY, IN CONTRAST TO LAST YEAR, NCNA DID NOT CARRY ANY FOLLOW-UP ARTICLES IN WHICH OTHER DELEGATES PRAISED CHIAO'S REMARKS. ALSO NO MENTION WAS MADE OF THE SOVIET EXERCISE OF THE RIGHT OF REPLY ON THE CHIAO SPEECH AND CHIAO'S SUBSEQUENT RESPONSE.

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13. THE UNITD STATES

DURING THE PAST WEEK, THE PRC MEDIA HAS KEPT UP A FLOW OF PESSIMISTIC REPORTS ON THE PLIGHT OF THE AMERICAN INDIANS AND THE ECONOMIC SCENE. CITING WASHINGTON REPORTS, NCNA OCTOBER 5 NOTED THE USG DECISION TO HALT GRAIN SHIPMENTS TO THE SOVIET UNION. IT POINTED OUT THAT THE SOVIETS HAS FAILED TO HONOR AGREEMENTS BUT ALSO USED AP REPORTS THAT U.S. DOMESTIC AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS WERE FACTORS IN THE DECISION. PERHAPS INDICATIVE OF PRC CONCERN, HONG KONG PRC GRAIN TRADING REPS QUERIED THE LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE OF A LARGE U.S. GRAIN TRADING FIRM ABOUT THE POSSIBLE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PRESIDENT, RATHER THAN SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE BUTZ, HAVING MADE THE ANNOUNCEMENT.

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14. ON THE BRIGHTER SIDE, PEKING REPORTED THE GROWING U.S. ECONOMIC TIES WITH YET ANOTHER EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRY. AN NCNA REPORT OF OCTOBER 6 CITED FURTHER PRESS REPORTS WHICH NOTE THAT THE RECENT U.S. VISIT OF IVANPOPOV MARKED THE FIRST VISIT OF A BULGARIAN VICE CHAIRMAN TO THE U.S. IN THE POST-WAR PERIOD AND THAT DURING THE VISIT AGREEMENTS ON ECONOMIC AND TRADE COOPERATION WERE SIGNED.

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15. PRC MEDIA CARRIED ITS FIRST MENTION OF AMBASSADOR BUSH AS
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THE "CHIEF-DESIGNATE" OF USLO IN THE COURSE OF A REPORT OF CHIAO KUANGHUA'S UNGA ACTIVITIES AND CHIAO'S ATTENDANCE AT A BANQUET HOSTED BY SECRETARY KISSINGER IN NEW YORK (NCNA OCTOBER 2-6).
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16. JAPAN AND TAIWAN

APPARENTLY IN ORDER TO GET THE BALL ROLLING ON TREATY NEGOTIATIONS WITH JAPAN, CHINA IS SHOWING SIGNS OF SOME INCREASED FLEXIBILITY WITH REGARD TO TAIWAN STICKING POINTS. ALTHOUGH MAINTAINING THAT THE CONCLUSION OF BILATERAL SHIPPING AND FISHING AGREEMENTS SHOULD PRECEDE NEGOTIATIONS ON A TREATY OF PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP, PEKING REPORTEDLY HAS SIGNALLED ITS WILLINGNESS TO RESOLVE THE TAIWAN FLAG ISSUE. MORE IMPORTANTLY, IN AN OCTOBER 3 MEETING WITH A VISITING JAPANESE DELEGATION, VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING REVEALED THAT PEKING WAS WILLING TO SHELVE THE ISSUE OF THE SENKAKU (I.E. TAIYUTAI) ISLANDS DURING NEGOTIATIONS ON A TREATY OF PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP (TOKYO 13053; PEKING 1734).
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17. USLO PEKING REPORTED THAT CANADIAN JOURNALISTS INTERPRETED TENG HSIAO-PING'S REMARKS DURING AN OCTOBER 2 INTERVIEW WHICH DISCOUNTED THE POSSIBILITY OF "PEACEFUL LIBERATION" DURING THE LIFETIME OF "BOTH CHIANGS" TO BE AN INDICATION THAT THE PRC IS IN NO HURRY TO "LIBERATE" TAIWAN. HOWEVER, A REUTERS STORY OF OCTOBER 3 INTERPRETED TENG'S REMARKS AS MEANING PEKING HAD HARDENED ITS LINE WITH THE IMPLICATION "PEACEFUL LIBERATION" WAS OUT. IN HONG KONG A CANADIAN OFFICIAL WHO WAS FAMILIAR WITH THE TENG INTERVIEW HAS SUBSEQUENTLY CONFIRMED THE USLO ACCOUNT (PEKING 1708).
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18. GABON

PRESIDENT OMAR BONGO IS THE LATEST HEAD OF STATE IN THE CONTINUOUS STREAM OF THIRD WORLD AFRICAN LEADERS TO BE ACCORDED CHINA'S RED CARPET TREATMENT. HE ARRIVED IN PEKING OCTOBER 3 AND MET

WITH MAO (OCTOBER 5) AND PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI (OCTOBER 4). AFTER TWO MEETINGS WITH TENG HSIAO-PING, ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND TRADE AGREEMENTS WERE SIGNED. THE GABONESE, WHO BROKE OFF RELATIONS WITH TAIPEI EARLIER THIS SPRING, PROBABLY
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SUCCEEDED IN OBTAINING PRC ASSISTANCE IN GETTING THE FORMER ROC AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS GOING AGAIN (NCNA OCTOBER 3-6).
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19. EUROPEAN VISITORS EXPECTED

WITH PRESIDENT BONGO'S VISIT DRAWING TO A CLOSE, THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT THE PRC'S NEXT ROUND OF HIGH-LEVEL VISITORS WILL LARGELY BE EUROPEAN. THE DANISH PRIME MINISTER IS SCHEDULED TO VISIT CHINA OCTOBER 18-27 (COPENHAGEN 2775). THE FRG CHANCELLOR APPARENTLY HOPES TO VISIT PEKING IN SPRING 1975 (PEKING 1727) AND THE ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER IN LATE 1974 OR EARLY 1975 (OIT-48072). THERE IS ALSO THE POSSIBILITY OF A VISIT TO PARIS BY TENG HSIAO-PING IN EARLY 1975 (PARIS 23563; PEKING 1729). IN THIS REGARD, NCNA OCTOBER 1 REPORTED PRC AMBASSADOR TO PARIS TSENG TAO'S RECEPTION AND LATER IN AN UNUSUAL ADDITION MARKED "ATTENTION, ATTENTION" INDICATED THAT PRESIDENT D'ESTAING WAS PRESENT AND HAD A "LONG AND FRIENDLY TALK" WITH THE AMBASSADOR IN WHICH HE EXPRESSED GOOD WISHES TO THE GREAT CHINESE PEOPLE WITH WHOM "WE MAINTAIN RELATIONS OF TRUST AND FRIENDSHIP."
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20. PORTUGAL, MACAU AND HONG KONG

TWO DAYS AFTER THE EVENT, PRC MEDIA OCTOBER 2 REPORTED THE RESIGNATION OF PRESIDENT SPINOLA, COMMENTING ONLY THAT THE CHANGE-OVER TOOK PLACE AS "CONTRADICTIONS BECAME MORE ACUTE AMONG THE PORTUGUESE RULING CLIQUE." NCNA ALSO INDIRECTLY NOTED THAT FOREIGN MINISTER SOARES, WHO SET FORTH THE "DECOLONIZATION" POLICY, WILL REMAIN IN THE CABINET.
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21. MEANWHILE, PEKING'S SPOKESMAN IN MACAU AS WELL AS OFFICIALS IN HONG KONG AND MACAU EXPECT THAT THE TWO-DAY VISIT (BEGINNING OCTOBER 9), OF DR. SANTOS, PORTUGUESE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS TERRITORIES AND THE FIRST CABINET LEVEL VISITOR IN OVER A DECADE, WILL PRODUCE NO SURPRISES. LOCAL NEWS REPORTS HAVE CITED SANTOS' PRE-DEPARTURE REMARKS AS EVIDENCE OF THE FACT-FINDING NATURE OF THE VISIT. THE "MAJOR" JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT BY SANTOS AND THE RETIRING GOVERNOR SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 10
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IS EXPECTED TO CONCERN THE APPOINTMENT OF A NEW GOVERNOR.
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22. THE PHILIPPINES

DESPITE PRESIDENT MARCOS' COMMENTS OF THE "IMMINENT IES"
WITH THE PRC, HE STILL PLANS TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS
WITH PEKING AND MOSCOW IN CLOSE TANDEM AND TO GRADUALLY DISENGAGE
FROM TAIWAN. THE MAJOR PURPOSE OF THE PHILIPPINE MISSION SCHEDULED
TO DEPART FOR PEKING THIS MONTH WILL BE TRADE. HOWEVER, THE
MISSION, WHICH WILL INCLUDE A "SENIOR" FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL,
WILL ALSO "SEEK CLARIFICATION" OF THE ISSUES OF TAIWAN,
CITIZENSHIP AND PRC SUPPORT FOR MAOIST SUBVERSIVES, ALL TOPICS
WHICH WERE DISCUSSED DURING MRS. MARCOS' VISIT. MANILA'S NEW
AMBASSADOR TO TAIPEI IS SCHEDULED TO DEPART FOR POST OCTOBER 12
(MANILA 12014, ET AL; NCNA OCTOBER 6).
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23. INDIA

SINO-INDIAN RELATIONS ROCKED ALONG UNCOMFORTABLY THIS WEEK. NCNA CONTINUED TO CARRY REPLAYS FROM FOREIGN NEWS STORIES CONDEMNING INDIA'S SIKKIM POLICY AS WELL AS STORIES ON FAMINE AND UNEMPLOYMENT IN INDIA. PRIME MINISTER GANDHI'S NATIONAL DAY TELEGRAM WAS A SHORT AND NON-COMMITTAL ONE-SENTENCE AFFAIR, POINTEDLY LEAVING OFF HER LAST YEAR'S WISHES FOR "PEACE, PROSPERITY, AND PROGRESS" FOR THE CHINESE PEOPLE WHILE INDIAN ATTENDANCE AT THE PRC NEW DELHI EMBASSY'S RECEPTION WAS HEADED BY A VICE ADMIRAL. ADD TO THESE CHIAO KUAN-HUA'S BLAST AT INDIA'S "NAKED ACTIO OF EXPANSIONISM" IN HIS UNGA ADDRESS AND

WHATEVER WARMING HAD BEEN NOTED PREVIOUSLY IN SINO-INDIAN RELATIONS
HAS UNDOUBTEDLY DISAPPEARED (NCNA OCTOBER 2-8).
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24. OCTOBER WAR ANNIVERSARY

NCNA OCTOBER 4 BEGAN ITS COVERAGE OF THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF
THE OCTOBER WAR WITH A STRONG BLAST AT THE SOVIETS FOR THEIR
BETRAYAL OF THE ARABS AND LACK OF SUPPORT FOR EGYPT WHEN MOST
NEEDED. ON OCTOBER 6, 7, AND 8, NCNA CARRIED AT LEAST ELEVEN
SIMILAR ITEMS BUT ALSO STRESSED ARAB SOLIDARITY, CONFIDENCE, AND
DETERMINATION TO REGAIN LOST TERRITORIES. NCNA ALSO REPORTED
PRESIDENT SADAT'S MOST RECENT INTERVIEW CONDEMNING THE SOVIETS
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FOR HAVING PRESSED HIM TO ACCEPT A CEASEFIRE JUST SIX HOURS AFTER
THE BEGINNING OF THE WAR. DESPITE THIS ATTENTION TO THE
ANNIVERSARY, THE PRC MILITIA DELEGATION VISITING SYRIA (WR 39)
DEPARTED FOR HOM JUST IN TIME TO MISS PARTICIPATING IN THE
COMMEMORATION EVENTS. NCNA ALSO HAS NOT REPORTED SECRETARY
KISSINGER'S IMMINENT VISIT TO THE AREA.
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25. AU DRALIA

AUSTRALIAN ACTING PRIME MINISTER CAIRNS WON HIS BATTLE WITH
THE PRC TO PERMIT AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE PERSONNEL ON HIS AIRCRAFT
TO WEAR THEIR UNIFORMS WHILE IN CHINA. CAIRNS, SCHEDULED TO
OPEN THE AUSTRALIAN EXHIBIT IN PEKING SX OCTOBER 11, POSTPONED HIS
PLANNED DEPARTURE FROM AUSTRALIA BY ONE DAY BEFORE GAINING
CHINESE ACCEPTANCE OF HIS DEMANDS. THE STORY, CARRIED BY WIRE
SERVICES, HAS BEEN CONFIRMED BY LOCAL AUSTRALIAN OFFICIAL (HONG
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